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SBA TO ANNOUNCE MAJOR GRANT TO JOHN H. CHAFEE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

WHO: Honorable Jack Reed, U.S. Senator

Honorable David Cicilline, Member of Congress

Raymond Fogarty, Director, John H. Chafee Center, Bryant University

Mark S. Hayward, SBA Rhode Island District Director

Kevin Redmond, Chief Executive Officer- Mearthane Products Corporation

WHAT: U.S. Small Business Administration will announce a grant of \$427,950 State Trade Expansion

Program (STEP) to Bryant University and the John H. Chafee Center for International Business. The purpose of the STEP program is to increase the number of U.S. small businesses that are exporting and increase the dollar value of exports by those small businesses that are currently

exporting.

WHEN: October 20, 2016 - 10:00am

WHERE: MPC – Mearthane Products Corporation

16 Western Industrial Drive Cranston, RI 02921-3403

PRESS INVITED TO ATTEND

Press please confirm attendance by contacting mark.hayward@sba.gov or call 401-265-9181